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MINUTES.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 5th, 1866.

According to previous notice, the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina held its first regular meeting since the war, in the Supreme Court Room of the capitol, at twelve o'clock, M.

The President, Dr. J. J. SUMMERELL, of Salisbury, took the chair and called the Society to order. The following members were present, viz:

OFFICERS:

Dr. J. J. SUMMERELL, President.
" C. W. GRAHAM, Treasurer.
" W. G. THOMAS, Recording Secretary.

MEMBERS:

Dr. S. S. Satchwell,
" W. H. McKee,
" N. J. Pittman,
" William T. Howard,
" Charles E. Johnson,
" E. Burke Haywood,
" R. B. Haywood,
Dr. William G. Hill,
" Edward Fisher,
" R. H. Winborne,
" H. F. Murphy,
" H. M. Whitley,
" Eugene Grissom.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee on credentials, viz: Drs. W. H. McKee, S. S. Satchwell, and N. J. Pittman.

The committee, after due deliberation, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina :

The committee on credentials report as follows. They find as delegates :

Dr. H. F. Murphy, New Hanover Med. Association,
" S. S. Satchwell, " " "
" Will. H. McKee, Wake Co. Med. "
" E. Burke Haywood, " " " "
" J. J. Summerell, Rowan " " "

They recommend the election of the following gentlemen to membership in the Society :

Dr. J. B. Seavy, New Hanover County,
" I. W. Jones, Rowan "
" William L. Barrow, Northampton County.
" William Little, Wake County.

Respectfully submitted,
WILL. H. McKee, Chairman.

Raleigh, Dec. 5th, 1866.

The following committees were then appointed, viz :

On Finance : Drs. S. S. Satchwell, Will. G. Hill and R. B. Haywood.

On Medical Journal : Drs. E. Burke Haywood, C. W. Graham and W. T. Howard.

Dr. Edward Fisher, Physician to the Insane Asylum, extended an invitation to the members to visit this Institution. Accepted.

The Society, on motion of Dr. Hill, adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 6th, 1866.

The Society met according to adjournment, the President, Dr. Summerell, in the chair. The proceedings of the last meeting were then read by the Secretary and approved.

The following amendment to the Constitution was proposed by Dr. Satchwell. It was discussed at length ; after which, it was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That sections 2nd and 3rd, of Article 4th of the Constitution be altered by substituting the following :

SEC. 2nd. The officers of the Society shall be elected by ballot and

shall serve for one year, except the Secretary and Treasurer, who may serve for three years, or until others are elected to succeed them.

Sec. 3rd. The members of the Board of Medical Examiners shall be elected by ballot.

Dr. Will. T. Howard, recently elected adjunct Professor of Physiolgy and Hygiene, in the School of Medicine, University of Maryland, urged the claims of said Medical School upon the profession of the South. In the course of his remarks he enumerated the many advantages it offered for medical instruction, and alluded to the active sympathies of Baltimore for the Southern people.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT:

Dr. WILL. G. THOMAS, Wilmington.

FOR VICE PRESIDENTS:

Dr. E. Burke Haywood, Raleigh.
" R. H. Winborne, Chowan.
" William L. Barrow, Northampton.
" I. W. Jones, Rowan.

FOR RECORDING AND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Dr. S. S. Satchwell, New Hanover.

FOR TREASURER:

Dr. C. W. Graham, Duplin.

FOR ORATOR:

Dr. M. Whitehead.

On motion of Dr. McKee, the appointment of delegates to the next meeting of the American Medical Association was referred to the President.

The Society, on motion, then proceeded to the election by ballot of the members of the Board of Medical Examiners. The following was the result:

Dr. E. Burke Haywood,
" S. S. Satchwell,
" R. B. Haywood,
" N. J. Pittman,
" R. H. Winborne,
" J. J. Summerell,
" M. Whitehead.

In the election of the Medical Board Dr. W. G. Thomas was, on the first, and Dr. W. G. Hill, on the third ballot elected; both gentlemen, for satisfactory reasons, declined.

The committee on Medical Journal made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina:

The undersigned appointed to report on Medical Journal, have to state that, during the occupation of Raleigh by the United States forces the books, accounts, &c., of the North Carolina Medical Journal were lost. We are, therefore, unable to give any detailed statement of its financial condition. In its discontinuance in November, 1861, one of its Editors, Dr. Charles E. Johnson, had expended, of his own private funds, three hundred dollars more than the aggregate income of the Journal. This sum has never been refunded to Dr. Johnson, and, according to a former pledge of the Society to defray the expenses of the publication of its Journal, the obligation rests upon its members to promptly meet this debt due him by the Society. We therefore recommend that an assessment be made upon the members, or some other means be adopted for paying this debt, principal and interest.—Under existing circumstances we do not recommend that any efforts be made to revive the Journal. We cannot close this report without expressing our admiration for the ability, zeal and industry evinced in the editorial management of the Journal.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BURKE HAYWOOD, Chairman.

Raleigh, N. C., June 6th, 1866.

The committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina:

We find no assets in the hands of the Treasurer. The Society is justly indebted to Dr. Charles E. Johnson in the sum of three hundred dollars, ($300 00.) The cost of advertising this meeting will probably be not less than seventy-five ($75 00) dollars, and the publication of the proceedings, if ordered, may possibly amount to two hundred ($200 00) dollars, or more; so that the aggregate amount of indebtedness of the Society will be five hundred ($500 00) dollars, or upwards. To meet these actual and contingent expenses, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That an assessment of four dollars ($4 00) be levied upon each member and upon each County Society, and that the Treasurer be instructed to use all necessary means for the collection of the same.

The admirable manner in which the Treasurer has discharged his financial duties render it, in our estimation, an imperative duty to ex-

press our high appreciation of his financial skill and his care in preserving the archives of the Society during the war.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. SATCHWELL, Chirman.

Raleigh, N. C., June 6th, 1866.

The following preamble and resolutions offered by Dr. R. B. Haywood, were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Medical Society of the State of North Carolina has heard with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret of the appointment of Dr. Will. T. Howard, of this Society, to the chair of Physiology and Hygiene, in the Medical Department of the University of Maryland—regret at parting with so valuable a member, and pleasure in knowing that the Medical College of Baltimore has secured the services of one so eminently qualified for the position assigned him.

Therefore, resolved, That the State Medical Society tenders to Dr. Howard its best wishes for his welfare, and abundant success in his new field of labor; and cordially commend him to our professional brethren and citizens of Baltimore as a gentlemen and scientific physician worthy in all respects of their confidence.

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish Dr. Howard with a copy of his preamble and these resolutions.

On motion of Dr. Graham, the Secretary was instructed to publish the act of the Legislature incorporating the State Medical Society and the Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Thomas announced the death of Dr. JAMES H. DICKSON, of Wilmington, a member of this Society. He accompanied the announcement with an eloquent tribute to the life and character of the deceased. His interesting statements in relation to Dr. Dickson were listened to with marked interest; after which the following preamble and resolutions, introduced by Dr. Thomas, were seconded by Dr. Satchwell in some appropriate remarks, and were then unanimously adopted by the Society.

WHEREAS, Since the last meeting of this Society it has pleased the Almighty Disposer of events to remove by death from his elevated and noble field of usefulness our lamented friend and honored brother, Dr. JAMES H. DICKSON, of Wilmington, who heroically fell a victim of Yellow Fever, in the month of September, 1862, while faithfully and ably administering to the sufferings of his people in that terrible epidemic which devastated the city of Wilmington during that year—thus crowning his useful life with a martyr-like devotion to the profession of which he was a bright ornament and distinguished member,

Therfore, resolved, That we bow to this inscrutable dispensation of Divine Providence with becoming reverence and resignation, and while we recognize the loss of a distingnished co-laborer in the cause of science, humanity and religion, we will strive to emulate the virtues which adorned his character.

Resolved, That while we appreciate in our departed brother the highest type of man—a christian gentleman—whose heart was always animated by the finest sensibilities of duty, patriotism and honor, we at the same time cherish with pride his accomplishments and skill as a Physician and Surgeon, and his great attainments as a scholar whose talents and erudition add lustre to the literary reputation of the State.

Resolved, That as a member of this Society, he always manifested the warmest interest in its honor and success, and contributed freely to its acquisitions from his own rich stores of learning and experience ; and memory will not cease to dwell upon the dignity, gentle bearing and kindly social character which marked his intercourse with its members.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of Dr. Dickson our warmest expressions of symyathy and condolence at their loss ; and that the Secretary be requested to forward to them a copy of this preamble and these resolutions, and place them upon the minutes of this meeting of the Society.

Dr. Satchwell announced the death of Professor E. D. Fenner, M. D., of New Orleans, and an Honorary member of this Society. On his motion, a committee of three were appointed by the President to report resolutions in relation to the deceased. The following gentlemen were appointed, viz: Drs. Satchwell, Howard and Johnson. The committee reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Society has learned, with much regret, of the recent death in New Orleans, of Dr. Erasmus D. Fenner, an honorary member of this Society, a native North Carolinian, and a distinguished member of the Medical profession,

Therefore, resolved, That in the death of this bright ornament of medical science, the profession has lost a very useful and laborious practitioner, and the South a devoted citizen, whose heart was ever alive to the humanities of his profession, and to the promptings of duty and patriotism.

Resolved, That we sympathize with his afflicted family in this their day of grief and trial, and that the Secretary be requested to express the condolence of the Society in their loss, and to forward them a copy of these resolutions.

On motion, the Secretary read the Act of the Legislature incorporating the Medical Society of the State of North Caro-

lina and the Board of Medical Examiners. The Secretary was directed to publish the same. (See Appendix.)

On motion of Dr. McKee, the newly elected Board of Examiners were requested to take such action relative to asking the Legislature to amend the Act of incorporation, as in their judgment may seem necessary.

On motion of Dr. Satchwell, the President was requested to appoint one member from each county represented in this meeting, to report at the next annual meeting on the Topography and Diseases of the counties in which they respectively reside. The following gentlemen were appointed :

Dr. I. W. Jones, Rowan County.
" S. S. Satchwell, New Hanover county,
" C. W. Graham, Duplin county,
" William Little, Wake county,
" N. J. Pittman, Edgecombe county,
" Will. L. Barrow, Northampton county,
" H. M. Whitley, Johnston county,
" R. H. Winborne, Chowan county.

Allusion was made to the invitation extended on yesterday to the Society to visit the Insane Asylum. Whereupon, Dr. Graham stated, in behalf of himself and other members who had to-day visited the Asylum in response to the kind invitation of the Superintendent, Dr. Fisher, that they had experienced pleasure in the superficial examination of passing through the wards. He spoke of the wisdom and humanity that prompted the erection of an institution so creditable to the civilization and benevolence of North Carolina.

The subject of the time and place of the next meeting of the Society was taken up. After due deliberation and mutual consultation, the Society, on motion of Dr. Pittman, and at his request, resolved to meet in Tarboro', N. C., on the second Wednesday after the first Monday in May, 1867.

The installation of officers then took place. Dr. Summerell, in vacating the chair to his successor, made some very forcible and appropriate remarks. He urged the members to be firm and persistent in their devotion to the interests of the profes-

sion, and to uphold the honor and dignity of the State Medical Society. Impelled by an earnest desire to do our duty, and upheld by a conscious rectitude of purpose, we may rest assured that our efforts will be crowned with success, and appreciated by all good and honest men. To see such a fine assemblage of medical gentlemen as had responded upon this call to the members of the Society, and that, too, in the present gloom and troubles of the country, was indeed gratifying and encouraging, and every way calculated to encourage us to persevere.

Dr. Thomas, upon taking the chair, thanked the Society for the honor conferred upon him, and expressed his determination to discharge the duties imposed upon him to the best of his ability.

On motion of Dr. Johnson, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society are due and are hereby tendered to our late President, Dr. Summerell, and to our late Secretary, Dr. Thomas, for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

On motion, the Society adjourned to meet in the town of Tarboro', on the second Wednesday, after the first Monday in May, 1867, it being the 15th day of May, 1867.

W. G. THOMAS, President.

S. S. SATCHWELL, Secretary.

[APPENDIX.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the association of regularly graduated doctors, calling themselves "The State Medical Society," be and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, to be known and distinguished by the name and style of "The Medical Society of the State of North Carolina," and by that name and style shall have perpetual succession, and a common seal; that they or a majority of them and their successors shall be able and capable of in law to take, demand, receive and possess, money, goods and chattels, land and tenements, and apply the same to the use and for the advancement of the purposes and objects of the said society; that the said Medical Society or a majority of them and their successors shall be able and capable in law of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded; that they shall be authorized to make all by-laws, rules and regulations necessary and proper for their own government and for carrying out the purposes contemplated in this act, and for the promotion of medical science, and the elevation of the medical profession in this State, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of North Carolina.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That from and after the 15th day of April, 1859, no person shall practice medicine, surgery or any of the branches thereof, or in any case prescribe for the cure of diseases, for fee or reward, unless he or they shall have been first licensed so to do in the manner hereinafter described; *Provided,* that no person who shall practice in violation of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 3. *Be it fiurther enacted,* That in order to the proper regulations of the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of North Carolina there shall be established a board of regularly graduated Physicians, to be known by the name and title of "The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina."

Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina shall consist of seven regularly graduated Physicians.

Sec. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said Board to examine all applicants for license to practice medicine and surgery, or any of the branches thereof, in the State of North Carolina, on the following branches of medical science, viz: Anatomy, Physiology, Surgery, Pathology, Medical Hygiene, Chemistry, Pharmacy, Materia Medica, Theraupeutics, Obstetrics and the Practice of Medicine, and if, on such examination, he or they be found competent, to grant to such applicant or applicants a license or diploma authorizing him or them to practice medicine and surgery, or any of the branches thereof, in the State of North Carolina; *Provided,* that five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, and that four of those present shall be agreed as to the qualifications of the applicant.

Sec. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Board shall be at liberty to examine for and grant license to practice medicine or surgery, or any of the branches thereof, in this State to any person so applying, who shall give satisfactory evidence to the Board that he is twenty-one years of age, and of good moral character; such applicants, if found competent, shall have granted to them the license before mentioned, signed by the Board of Medical Examiners, or a majority thereof; and if found incompetent they shall be rejected.

Sec. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That to prevent delay and inconvenience two members of the Board of Medical Examiners may grant a temporary license to applicants therefor, and make report thereof to the next regular meeting of the Board for confirmation, provided that such temporary license shall not continue in force longer than the next regular meeting of the Board, and that such temporary license shall in no case be granted after the applicant has been refused a license by the Board of Medical Examiners.

Sec. 8. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina to furnish to the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina by their Secretary a list of Members of that Society, from which list the General Assembly shall elect seven to constitute the Board of Medical Examiners before mentioned, to continue in office for the term of six years from the date of their election; *Provided,* that whenever any member of this Board shall cease to be a member of "The Medi-

cal Society of the State of North Carolina," either by resignation or expulsion, his office of Medical Examiner shall be thereby vacated.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That the members of the State Medical Society shall have power to select the Board of Medical Examiners, except when the Legislature chooses to exercise this right.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That the Board of Medical Examiners thus appointed shall assemble in the City of Raleigh and Morganton, alternately, on the first Monday in May in every year, and shall remain in session from day to day, until all applicants who may present themselves for examination within the first ten days after their meeting shall have been examined and disposed of.

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted*, That the Board of Medical Examiners shall be and they are hereby authorized to elect all such officers and to frame all such by-laws as may be necessary to carry this law into effect; and in the event of any vacancy by death, resignation or otherwise, of any member of said Board, the Board, or a quorum thereof, shall be, and they are hereby, empowered to fill all vacancies.

SEC. 12. *Be it further enacted*, That the Board of Examiners shall keep a regular record of its proceedings in a book kept for that purpose, which shall always be open for inspection, and shall cause to be entered on a book kept for this purpose the names of each applicant for license, and the name of each applicant licensed to practice medicine and surgery, and the time of granting the same, together with the names of the members of the Board present, and shall publish the names of those licensed in two of the newspapers published in the City of Raleigh, within thirty days after the granting of the same.

SEC. 13. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Board shall have power to demand of each and every applicant thus licensed the sum of ten dollars, before issuing a license or diploma, and the sum of five dollars for each temporary license, to be paid to the Secretary of the Board.

SEC. 14. *Be it further enacted*, That the members of the said Board shall receive as a compensation for their services four dollars each per day during the time of their session in the city of Raleigh, and in addition thereto, their travelling expenses to and from the city of Raleigh, to be paid by the Secretary of the Board, out of any moneys in his hands, upon

the certificate of the President of the Board of Medical Examiners.

Sec. 15. *Be it further enacted,* That any person who shall practice medicine or surgery in this State, without having first applied for and obtained license from the said Board of Examiners, as provided for by this act, shall not be entitled to sue for or recover before any magistrate or court in this State, any medical bill for services rendered in the practice of medicine or surgery, or any of the branches thereof.

Sec. 16. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Board shall have the power to rescind any license granted by them, when upon satisfactory proof it shall appear that any Physician thus licensed has been guilty of grossly immoral conduct.

Sec. 17. *Be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners shall give bond with good security to the President of the Board, for the safe keeping and proper payment of all moneys that may come into his hands under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 18. *Be it further enacted,* That the provisions of this act shall not apply to any person or persons now engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in this State, but shall be construed as applying to those only who may hereafter propose to commence the practice of the same in the State of North Carolina.

Sec. 19. *Be it further enacted,* That this act shall be in force on and after the 15th day of April, 1859, and shall be considered a public act.

Read three times and ratified in General Assembly, this 17th day of February, 1859.

THOMAS SETTLE, Jr., S. H. C.
HENRY T. CLARK, S. S.

State of North Carolina.

Office of Secretary of State.

I, Rufus H. Page, Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in this office.

Given under my hand, this 23rd day of February, 1859.

RUFUS H. PAGE,
Secretary of State.